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Trails closed

Angry at
province,
Haliburton
Forest's owner
shuts down
snowmobile
trails

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum is taking a stand against the provincial government by closing the snowmobile trails on his property while others in the Haliburton Forest Owners Association will now have to decide if they will carry through with their threat to cut off public access to trails running through privately-owned managed forests.

Schleifenbaum made the decision late Monday afternoon after the Ministry of Finance failed to agree to the association's request to have managed forests assessed at the same rate as farm land - terms a previous government had agreed to but never fully implemented. The association sent a letter requesting Minister of Finance Greg Sorbara to respond by January 12 at 3 p.m. after association members met with ministry officials on December 17.

Schleifenbaum told Dysart et al council earlier on Monday that the provincial government had not upheld its end of the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) while forest owners had to do something. Association members want a

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Hardy Haliburtonians

More than 10 hardy souls embarked on the first official hike hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours network on a day that was more suitable for staying indoors than hiking or snowshoeing. Hikers were given a tour of the new snowshoeing trail that starts at the Delta Pinestone Resort and winds its way to the Wigamog Inn Resort.

Seniors need housing alternative

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Staff Reporter

Sharon Lawrence looks around at the lovely log house that was her family dream home 20 years ago and now sees how it could become her prison.

Lawrence is a senior living in a rural area south of Haliburton on a wooded property that Bear Creek runs through. Her late husband Ron loved the property which they bought in 1984 as their year-round home. Now her husband has passed away and she watches with some trepidation as her ageing neighbours are forced by physical circumstances to give up their

homes and leave Haliburton County because there are no condominiums or other suitable housing options in the villages. She doesn't want to be one of them.

"I don't want to leave Haliburton. But I don't want to be stuck here in my 70s, locked in like my neighbour (who can't drive). I just want a small place with no stairs that's warm and cozy. I want to be able to walk to the grocery store, post office and the bank," she says.

Her neighbour, an 84-year-old widow, lives alone with a couple of cats for company. Lawrence says the woman depends on her neighbours for drives to

the dump, pharmacy, grocery stores and other amenities. The woman lives on a small fixed income and can rarely afford the \$40 round trip by taxi into town. Lawrence says her neighbour needs an affordable apartment that allows pets.

Lawrence herself is not interested in a fancy, three-bedroom \$200,000 condo on one of the lakes such as units once proposed for Kashagawigamog. She is interested in taking one of the apartments in Haliburton so she can be close to Sir Sandford Fleming College to attend classes. One set of her neighbours passed away while their name was on a five-year waiting list

and another couple left after being told there was a seven-year waiting list. (Management at Echo Hills and Echo Lane apartments was unavailable for comment on the current waiting list situation.)

Peter Epps, who spent part of his career in real estate, says the demand for seniors' housing has risen dramatically in the last seven years. Epps owns 16 acres on the hill behind the SSFC Sisco Centre, a piece of property that overlooks Head Lake. He is currently advertising in an attempt to gauge the amount of interest for a new seniors' housing project.

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Mike Myers enjoys Highlands' cuisine

It seems like Mike Myers ate his way through the Christmas holiday. Not only did he have breakfast twice at the Kozy Korner but he enjoyed two dinners at the Wild Orchid in Minden and went grocery shopping at Haliburton IGA. Given his high energy level, there's probably little fear that he'd turn into that fat Scottish fellow of Austin Powers fame.

Winterfest is cancelled. The annual winter family fun event held in Head Lake Park was slated to run the first weekend of March but organizer Lou Trepanier says his corps of volunteers decided to cancel the event because the Sled Dog Derby has been moved to the weekend prior on February 28. Trepanier says two years ago they moved the date of Winterfest so that it would not conflict with the Derby and now "they've

moved right on top of us." He commented he did not think people would come out two weekends in a row to Haliburton for the two events. The event is about nine years old and Trepanier says anyone interested in taking on the organization of Winterfest is welcome to any of the information he can provide them that would be of assistance.

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

What would we do without Don Johnston's phenomenal memory? The 77-year-old Haliburton resident is a treasure trove of historical information and he certainly has a keen eye as far as our Pic of the Past is concerned. He notes that while it is a church in the photo, and that church occupied the land which is now home to the Haliburton United Church, the church in question was the place of worship for local Methodists. It was built in 1877 and burned down in 1907. The Methodists rented accommodations from the Presbyterians until their new building, the present United Church, could be erected. On July 10, 1918, the

Methodist and Presbyterian congregations amalgamated. The United Church was formed in 1925. As well, he notes that while the photo was taken from the bottom of what's called Dover's Hill today, the road as we know it now never existed at the time of this photo. The road used to go down by Dover's spring and then make a quick trip up the hill, coming out near Stan's Shell. The hill was so steep that older cars often had to go up it backwards so that gas could flow into the engine. Our thanks to him for being such a diligent and observant reader.

Have you been diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic bronchitis or emphysema? Do simple activities leave you breathless? Are you a current or former smoker? Do you have questions about your disease? If you answered yes you might want to take part in a teleconference call on Feb. 5 from 7 to 8 p.m.. Topics to be discussed over the telephone include advances in treatment, management of the disease and information about BreathWorks, a new support group provided by the Lung Association. To pre-register or for more information, call toll-free 1-866-801-0812 or on Feb. 5 at 6:45 p.m. call 1-800-814-4853 and the operator will connect you.

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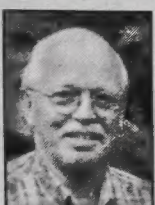
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Better to have givers...

*4Cs celebrates
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of community*

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Not many places are happier to see fewer clients but the directors of the 4Cs food bank in Haliburton were delighted to see fewer families in need of Christmas food/present boxes this year.

Director Ave Petch says it was not a dramatic drop but she is grateful to see that 16 families were not in need of the service although 221 were. Petch says a huge thank-you goes out to the community members, organizations, schools, churches and the police who assisted the cause by donating, food, time and money.

One of this year's unique donations was 245 Bibles donated by International God's Word thanks to the work of a local parishioner at the Baptist Church. Petch says they were not sure how the Bibles would be received but one was put in each box because the 4Cs is an acronym for the Christian Community Concern Centre which "revolves around Christian love," says Petch.

SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO



Andy Glecoff and Bob Park present cheques totalling \$2,039 generated by the Christmas money trees and matching store donations to Murray Tripp, who accepted the money on behalf of the 4Cs food bank.

She says the directors were heartened when two individuals called the same day they received their boxes to say thank-you for the Bibles.

Murray Tripp, another director, says the Christmas money trees in V&S/Crafts N More and at the IGA also did very well this year. Customers chose money denominations off the tree; the amount was added to their bill at the till and then matched by the stores. The total amount raised was \$2,039.

Petch says a staggering \$3,100 worth of paper food bags were also bought by customers at the two grocery stores and then donated to the 4Cs. She credits the OPP for being responsible for a large number of those bags as they challenged

customers to fill one of their vehicles at both stores. She says it was scary opening the doors to the vehicle when it got to the 4Cs - the vehicle was so crammed that the bags tumbled out the second a door opened.

"Christmas went very well. We covered all our expenses - over \$11,000 we spend. We're not in debt thanks to the community that gives as much as it takes," says Petch.

She was amazed at the multiple car loads of food that were sent over from the three local schools. So much food came in that they had no room to store it so it was sent to another area for storage. Once the boxes went out four students from the high school were recruited to

move all the food over to the 4Cs and restock the shelves.

"You hear of teenagers doing horrible stunts but we should be pretty proud of the kids in this community. The four teenagers we had were enthusiastic, had a great attitude and they did a lot of lifting and lugging. They worked really hard. We were able to give them about 63 hours between the four for their community service hours," says Petch.

She is hopeful the food they now have will last till the end of February; however she was surprised they have already seen some clients. She is hoping for a slow year and less need but is also thrilled with the generosity of the community, as are the rest of the food bank's directors.

The hills will be alive with sounds of auditions

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Competition is promising to be heavy at auditions for *The Sound of Music*, the Highlands Summer Festival's largest undertaking yet.

Director David Mills jokes that you can have as many nuns as you like but the minimum cast is 21 and he expects to cast about 25 people. *The Sound of Music* is only the second musical the festival has done and is the largest production.

This weekend auditions will be held for the children's parts and the following weekend will be the auditions for the adults. A lot of interest has already been expressed and Mills says folks are free to sign up right up to the weekend.

The high level of interest in *The Sound of Music*, the musical by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, can partly be attributed to the fact that as a cast member you get to sing, dance and act. Plum roles for youth are Liesl and Rolf, but Mills says any role is going to be plum in this production. There are at least 25 kids planning to audition.

Mills says they are keeping an open mind and no one has been pre-cast. He is delighted to see that the auditions are drawing talent from surrounding areas such as Bracebridge and Bancroft. Mills admits it is going to be tough and some people are going to be disappointed.

Rehearsals will start in February. Mills wants the music and dancing down before they move into the staging. Music director is Melissa Stephens and Julie Barban will be doing the choreography. Jack Brezina and Betty Mills will be working together as co-producers and Sandi Luck will be the visual consultant.

Mills says their goal is to make set changes as fluid as possible with many turn-around sets. He says people should not expect to see the movie but they also should not expect to see the musical either because he is planning to cut a few of the musical's numbers in exchange for the movie's.

Ticket sales through the Christmas season have been excellent, says Brezina. At this rate he expects to sell more season's passes by the summer show times than they did last year. Season pass to four shows remains at the \$60 price until January 15.

District at top of the class in Grade 9 math scores

Educators at Trillium Lakelands District School Board are beginning their year with a boost. In comparing Grade 9 EQAO math results to 13 neighbouring school boards, TLDSB comes out on top. At the latter part of 2003 it was already common knowledge that 2003 math results from Grade 9 EQAO testing were higher than the provincial average but it is interesting to compare scores with school boards working with similar demographics.

"I am extremely pleased to note that we are at the top of this comparison," says the Superintendent of Program and Assessment, Dale Robinson. "There has been a lot of hard work attributed to these high scores: from our teachers, our curriculum consultants, right down to the effort by the students themselves."

"Our focus has been on improving our EQAO scores by placing emphasis on teacher training, math program initiatives, and curriculum consultants," says Director of Education David Hill. "It's wonderful to see the results. We continue to place this emphasis on our future Grade 9 students with early math initiatives taking place right from the start in our primary grades."

Trillium Lakelands says its strategy of classroom assessments, program initiatives, and consultant assistance will continue to help improve students' EQAO scores and ultimately better prepare young people for higher education and/or the working world.

Ministry agrees to review

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commitment from the ministry that they say is reasonable, fair and fulfills a "long outstanding" MFTIP commitment.

Reeve Murray Fearrey argued that Schleifenbaum will hurt his own business by closing trails and not influence government policy change. He added that small communities depend on people and businesses bending a bit to help each other for the betterment of the community as a whole.

Schleifenbaum replied that the forest owners believe there is a need for well-managed forests to ensure the long-term health of the community but current policy does not encourage it. He also countered Fearrey by saying Sorbara will pay attention to what a group of Haliburton forest owners are doing because the minister has a cottage here.

Sorbara, however, did not personally respond to the Haliburton owners' letter. The ministry's response to the association's letter went to Carla Grant, Ontario Forestry Association executive director, but was signed by Nancy Naylor, the assistant deputy-minister.

Naylor's letter acknowledged the previous meetings with the forest owners and a tour two staff members from the Ministry of Finance took of Haliburton Forest on January 6 to find out more about managed forests. Naylor's letter, which was sent to Grant and to the Ontario Woodlot Association (which has been working with the Ontario Forestry Association to correct problems with MFTIP), does not make mention of changing the assessment of managed forest to be equal to farm lands.

Under the original MFTIP program, managed forests were to be assessed at the same rate as farmland, which is roughly 25 per cent of the residential rate, and then taxed at 25 per cent of the residential rate. The province was supposed to reimburse municipalities for lost revenues through assessment but never did, making municipalities feel short-changed.

Under the changes announced last summer, managed forests are assessed according to their market value as managed forests but still receive the break in the tax rate.

The woodlot association was very happy to see Naylor's letter did say the finance ministry will work closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources on a 90-day review of the MFTIP program. A request for review, which said MFTIP had failed to achieve its pur-

pose, was made through the Environmental Bill of Rights. On December 30, Grant was notified the MNR would proceed with the review. She says the Ministry of Finance does not fall under the purview of the EBR so it is good news that the ministry is voluntarily cooperating with the review.

She says the managed forest tax incentive is a tool that fits in nicely with recent Liberal announcements of environmental protection policies. She argues the Liberals might look at MFTIP as being a carrot in land use planning instead of clubbing land owners with restrictions.

"This is wonderful but we don't want to see this process (the review) being used to stonewall land owners on a solution," says Grant.

Schleifenbaum says Naylor's letter is non-committal and so Haliburton Forest will have to "take the next step" of closing trails. Because the letter was sent late on Monday, *The Echo* has yet to hear if other members of the association will also close their trails.

"It's unfortunate it's come to this. It's hard to blame (the Haliburton Forest Owners Association). They're fed up. This has been going on for years where they've held up their end of the bargain but the government has not. The land owners deserve a swift resolution," says Grant.

Dysart et al councillors did not agree. Fearrey told Schleifenbaum that he was cutting his nose off to spite his face and Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis said the action of the Haliburton association amounts to black-mail and he would not be a party to it.

Davis and others did say that they believe managed forest owners should have a tax incentive program but that closing trails was not the right way to go.

It is unknown at press time how many landowners will be participating. Grant says the Haliburton group is the most organized in the province and she was not sure of any other group taking this action. There are 10,000 landowners in MFTIP, accounting for 1.75 million acres of land.

In Haliburton County many of the snowmobile trails cut across private swaths of managed forest. Council expressed a concern that Harcourt could be cut off by Schleifenbaum's decision.

Meanwhile, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has yet to open any of its trails because of a lack of snow. Trail information is available on its Web site, www.hcsa.on.ca

Insurance rates threaten snowmobiling

Soaring insurance premiums are threatening recreational snowmobiling in Ontario, says the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), the snowmobile media and the sled manufacturers, who are sending an urgent SOS to the provincial government.

Dubbed "Save Ontario Snowmobiling" (SOS), the public awareness and lobbying campaign will mobilize individual snowmobilers to express their insurance concerns by contacting their MPP and the Minister of Tourism, Jim Bradley.

"Each winter, \$1 billion in snowmobile-related spending provides jobs, revenues and new business opportunities in rural, snowbelt communities and drives the winter tourism season too," said OFSC President Dennis Burns. "These benefits are in serious jeopardy if insurance premiums continue to escalate or even remain at current levels."

Thanks to rising rates on both personal sled insurance and OFSC general liability insurance, snowmobilers are paying more to ride. Because personal snowmobile insurance is part of the auto insurance sector, this coverage is often considerably more expensive and less available than previously, and some companies are even blacklisting certain models. Consequently, riders are being forced to shop very carefully and make tough decisions about how many, if any, sleds to insure.

The cost of general liability insurance for OFSC clubs, volunteers and landowners has increased by 1,000 per cent over the past three years. Without this insurance, all OFSC snowmobile trails would be closed. Under the OFSC user pay system, a portion of the liability premium increase is passed along to snowmobilers through a higher trail permit fee. As a result, riders are being hit with a double whammy of premium-related increases for both types of coverage, and snowmobiling is becoming too costly for many, including families and seniors.

"Other tourism and recreation sectors are also suffering the hardship of unaffordable or unavailable liability insurance coverage," said Burns. "If this crisis is not addressed immediately by the Province, it will hurt not only recreational snowmobiling, but also many rural municipalities and small tourism operators."

The SOS Campaign marks the first time in recent memory that key players in the snowmobile industry have united to address such a crucial issue. Snowmobilers can join in by sending an SOS to their own MPP on line at one of the following web sites: www.ofsc.on.ca; www.ontariosnowmobiler.com; www.snowtraxtv.com; www.snowmobilertv.com; www.snowgoercanada.com; or www.supertraxmag.com. To communicate to Minister Bradley, SOS is asking snowmobilers to send in a mailer card which will be included in the spring issues of most snowmobile magazines and at many snowmobile dealers.

"We are counting on snowmobilers, who are also taxpayers and voters, to rally behind SOS and to help us deliver an unequivocal message that organized snowmobiling needs help now," says Burns.

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Playing video games while cycling may get couch potatoes moving

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Staff Reporter

Darren Warburton is working towards eradicating couch potatoes. He is currently involved in a study at the University of British Columbia designed to see if new technology that combines video games and exercise might be just the bullet needed in the battle against inactivity.

"The technology and instruments I use in cardio-rehab work don't lend themselves to excitement so this is a nice change for me," says Warburton.

Warburton grew up playing sports and doing well in track and field while attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. He graduated in 1990 with the intent of pursuing physical education at York University. His interest swung more to the health side of sport by the time he graduated with a bachelor of arts in kinesiology. He carried on to achieve a Ph.D. from the University of Alberta in cardiovascular physiology and physical education in 2000. For the past two years he has been working at the University of British Columbia as an assistant professor in the School of Human Kinetics. The focus of his academic career has been exercise science, studying the impact of exercise on health.

Warburton was recently home with his family for the holidays and shared with the *Echo* how his new research project is going. It started two years ago when he went looking for a manufacturer planning to produce stationary bikes that had video game controls built in the handle grips so riders could play games while exercising. The purpose of his project is to research the bikes' effect on behaviour, not promote a particular product, so he does not talk about who makes the bikes.

There is an informal study to see if people who use these bikes will be more inclined to exercise and stick with cycling than those with an ordinary bike. The target is not young kids.

"Kids stay relatively active while in school but outside of school 60 per cent

of Canadians are inactive," says Warburton.

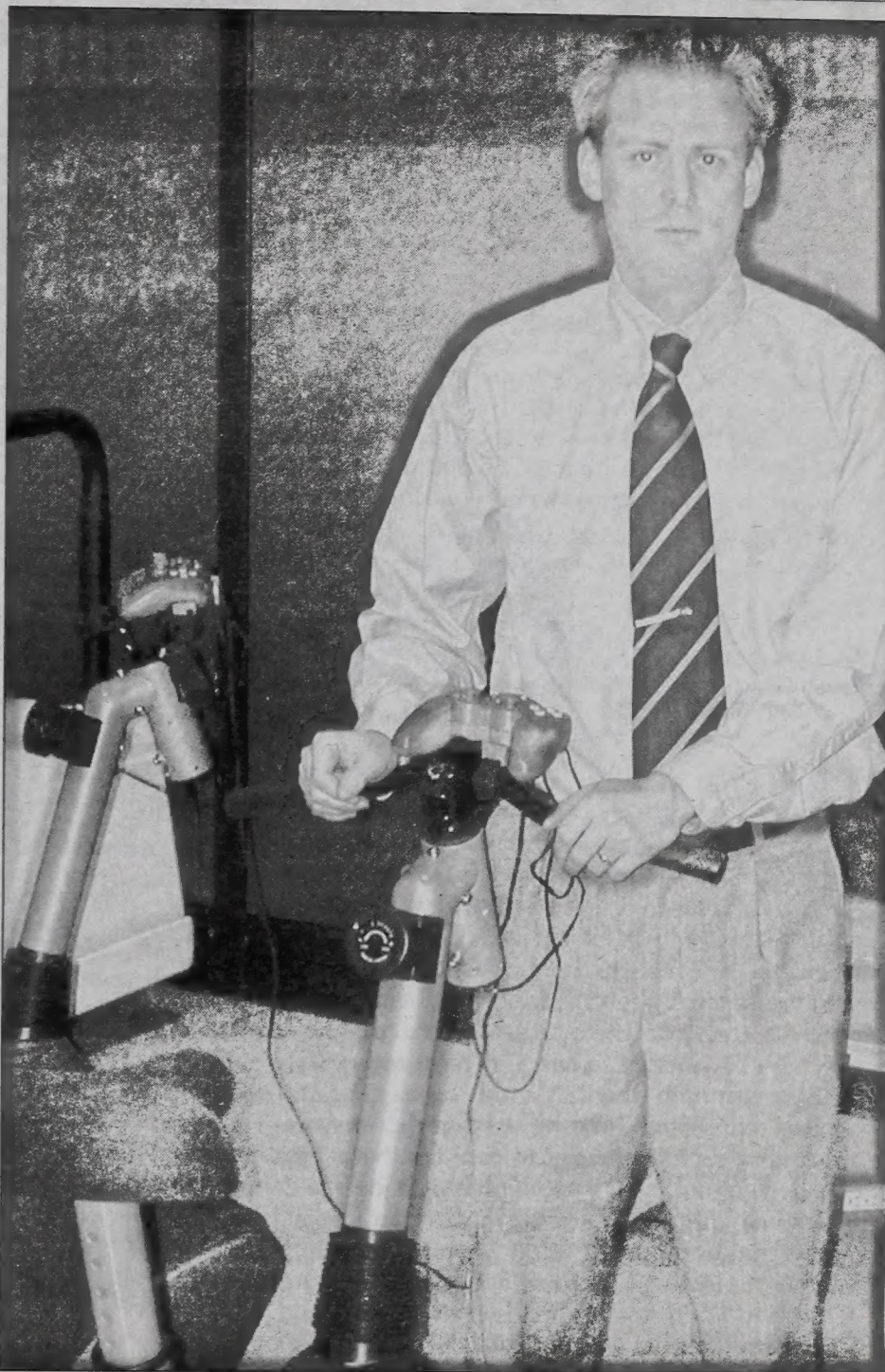
In his business, professionals are always fighting against television and video games but now are thinking about how to put the two together with exercise. Their target is college males who play video games the most and if the theory is proven, then they will do studies with younger age groups and at-home studies. Currently an informal pilot has been going on and has proven so popular at UBC, Warburton says they had to tell people they couldn't bring their friends any more.

Another interesting project he worked on was the creation of the Gift For Life Dragon Boat Team. Dragon boats are long, flat canoes that can seat up to 22 paddlers and weigh up to a ton. The team has to paddle in unison in short powerful strokes to get the boat to move. Races are growing increasingly popular across North America. The special thing about this particular team is that all the members were recent organ transplant survivors.

"People are deconditioned after a transplant; it's hard to get up stairs. We found on the team they made huge (physical) gains. The study, accepted by a big journal, shows the patients actually achieved higher gains (muscle creation, etc.) than a normal healthy person would. We discovered the social side of the team working together is so important," says Warburton.

He said that it was exciting to see the transplant patients regain their health and have a great time doing it. The team receive a lot of media attention as they continue to travel and compete, and has spawned the creation of other teams. Warburton is aware of at least one but believes there are a few other teams that have been created as a result of the study and this team.

Warburton says these projects are a welcome break from working with the very ill and he hopes to continue his research with the goal of preventing people from falling victim to fatal and debilitating diseases due to a lack of exercise.



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Dr. Darren Warburton, who grew up in Haliburton, is working on a study to see if people will exercise more if they can play video games at the same time.

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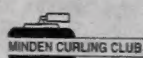
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All of the things which make Haliburton ideal as a home and cottage community do not always create a safe environment for people as they get older and don't want to lug groceries up or down snow-covered paths. Everything that was once so cherished becomes more of a burden. Even the peaceful isolation of a place on a lake becomes a nuisance when you don't like to drive at night because of changing vision. At 70 or 80 you want someplace close to stores and services – preferably with-

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— martha perkins

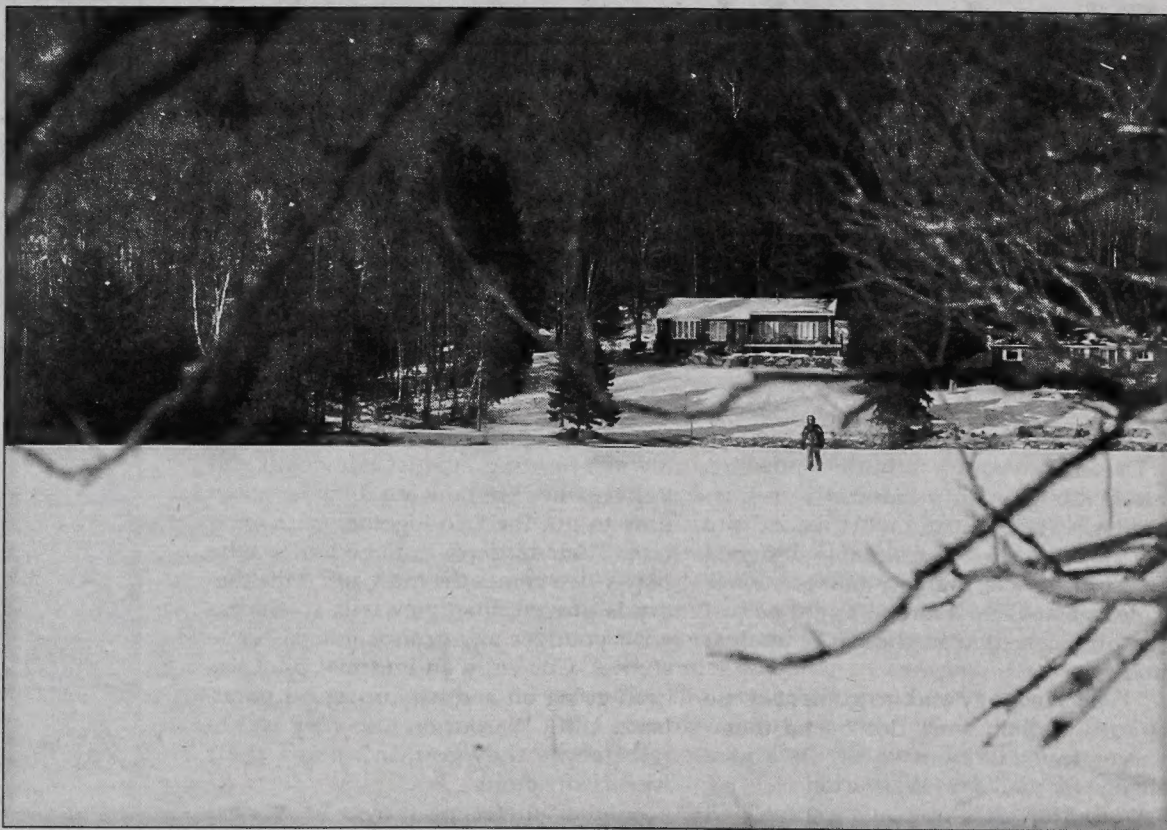
in walking distance so you can reduce your reliance on a car – and with very low maintenance requirements. If you can afford to spend your winter in warmer climes, you want to drive away and not worry about frozen water pipes or mice making a home out of your kitchen cupboards. The older you get, the simpler you want life to be.

While Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce can all boast of having affordable apartment buildings, many seniors still feel as if their housing needs aren't being met. For some, there's the long wait before an apartment becomes free. For others, it's a visceral dislike of paying rent – giving money to someone else rather than having a place you own and can count on as capital. In larger centres, condominiums have been the answer. They're apartment-sized, are easy to care for (because someone else does most of the big maintenance jobs, leaving only the housework to you) and they're yours. You own the condominium and can sell it at your will – hopefully at a profit. Condominiums can cost anywhere from \$85,000 to \$1 million, depending on where you live.

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Over the years several condominium proposals have been floated about. Some never graduated from the planning stages because the building had to be on a sewer line, leaving out most of the county. Others didn't have enough financial backing. (Condominiums can't be built on speculation that the units will eventually be sold unless the contractor fronts the entire costs.) Most recently a condominium proposal for Lake Kashagawigamog fell through because there weren't enough buyers. The project was ideal for city residents who could sell their homes for hundreds of thousands of dollars; it didn't suit the needs of seniors looking for a place less than \$100,000. Now a Haliburton land owner is trying to gauge what is feasible for his land overlooking Head Lake by asking seniors what they're looking for.

Unless Haliburton County can address this shortfall, some of our residents will have no choice other than to leave the county or risk their health by staying in their current home on their own. It's such a shame because the county has done such a great job in building its other types of infrastructure. Our hospitals are much better (although Minden still needs its community health centre) and we have a diverse and rich social environment. Transportation is still a problem, but there are services available. Perhaps most importantly, there is also political support for such a venture. If a developer has the land – at the right price – the buyers will come.



Head Lake, east end

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Working out language's bugs

ENTOMOLOGY AND ETYMOLOGY – bugs and language. The words look similar and sound much alike, but are very different, as one finds out when sitting in a lecture room expecting to learn about the history of language and faced with the dissection of a bug!

Both disciplines are mainstays of our world. Each group, in its own way, co-mingles, proliferates, changes over time. Each in its own domain is necessary. Each can be a blessing or a plague or both at the same time.

How would we get our honey were it not for bees? How can Australian farmers grow crops if the swarms of locusts cannot be controlled? How could we ever communicate if we did not have language common to our group? How could any group ever be persuaded to follow such a demagogue as Hitler if it were not for his ability to mesmerize with language?

Game playing with language in recent times has once more become an art form as it has periodically in past centuries. When the thirteen colonies broke away from the mother country in the late seventeen hundreds, they vowed that "plain speaking" would be their way, because they had felt tricked by the flowery, erudite double entendres used by their British rulers when negotiating. Plain speaking became one of the by-words of the new country.

Plain speaking, however, can be just as devious. Take, for an example, the many advertisements that declare their product is better, does more or less (whichever is most advantageous). These and other such words are comparatives but, as used in the ads, name nothing to which they can be compared. They only imply. This is one of the simplest and most successful gimmicks used by anyone wanting to sell anything from ideas to products. Polls have taken this art form to ever more glorious heights. One can only hope that soon the pro-

liferation of polling will create its own demise.

Another artful use of words has done much to shape the international scene in the past few years. Caveats, implications, and expressions of probability shaped the rhetoric of the decision-making process leading to the American decision to invade Iraq, according to a commentator on Jim Lehrer's nightly news on PBS on January 9th. Plain speaking, that is the use of simple words in simple grammatical construction, was quite evident but still the listeners, world-wide, later felt much like those members of the thirteen colonies when the dust had settled.

Just last week another assault on our ability to make intelligent decisions based on what we learn from language usage was declared. Yes, this is in the U.S.A. but it could just as easily slip into our politicians' plans. The National Republican Party re-election committee announced that its most important task for the upcoming election will be to raise enough money to flood the airwaves so that the Democrats

do not have as many opportunities to get out their message. This is in the land that lauds itself for freedom of speech and holds itself up as the shining example of democracy and yet at least one political party will attempt to prevent the other from having equal opportunity to communicate its ideas.

Bugs – proliferation, control and other far more complex interactions, are the responsibility of entomologists. Their work helps us to co-exist with the bug kingdom. Language, with its history, its influence upon our worlds and other such complexities is the realm of etymologists. It is the responsibility of all of us, however, to handle language, both as speakers and as listeners, so that it does not lead to the perversion of ideas and misunderstandings; but rather to uses words to words help us all to co-exist in the human kingdom.



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Just married

It was the weekend and my wife Carol and I were gently roused from peaceful slumber by the melodic sounds of two kids arguing in the next room. The time was 7 a.m.

"Yes, you will!" Carmen screamed.

"No, I won't, and you can't make me!" countered Ryan.

"I can so," she asserted.

"Can not!" he replied.

This went on for what must have been five minutes and neither side was budging. By that I mean neither of Carol's sides. I, on the other hand, decided to take cover under the blankets especially since Carmen ended the debate with, "Fine, if you won't, then Daddy will!"

Seconds later, I felt her menacing little presence looming over me.

tales from



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"Daddy, why are you hiding under the blankets?" she asked.

Recognizing it for the sly trap that it was, I did not answer.

"Daddy, I know you're in there. Come out now!"

I considered my options but decided that playing dead might leave Carmen with severe psychological scars, especially since Carol had already beat me to it.

Meekly, I peeked over the sheets.

"Oh, hello daddy," said Carmen.

"Glad you came out."

"No problem sweetie," I answered.

"Now what's going on?"

She frantically waved a practically

naked Barbie in my face.

"Ahhhhhhhhhh!!!!!!" I remarked offhandedly, as I averted my gaze.

"Daddy, Ryan won't marry my Barbie, so you have to."

"But I hardly know her," I answered. I further considered the fact that she was a long, leggy, buxom, internationally famous blond who owned yachts, sports cars, airplanes, motor homes, pure bred horses and timeless good looks as well as a perpetually pleasant demeanor. "Besides, she's not my type."

In the next little while Carmen ensured that Barbie and I became acquainted - mostly by making the doll dance on my belly. If I'm not mistaken it was a miniature and rather boisterous version of the chicken dance. She wore heels and waved a riding crop. Other than that, there was no chemistry between us.

"Now you can marry Barbie," Carmen stated demurely. "She danced for you."

While I suspect that in some countries having a naked woman dance atop your stomach is certified grounds for matrimony, there was still the unanswered question of the relationship I was already in.

"But Carmen, I'm already married to mommy. Haven't I suffered enough?"

A quick and unexpected flurry of elbows to the ribs answered that question.

"Hey, mommy, you're up!" yelled my gleeful daughter.

"Umph," I concurred, from within the safe confines of a fetal position.

"I hereby release Daddy to marry Barbie," announced Carol with perhaps too much eagerness. "And I hope he enjoys the honeymoon," she added coolly.

Before I knew it, Carmen had gathered Jenny and Ryan to witness the blessed event -- I'm talking about the marriage, not the honeymoon. Then and there, it occurred to me that this whole thing was getting out of hand. And I mentioned this in one of those awkward moments right after I kissed the bride but just before Jenny caught the bouquet.

"Dad," Ryan muttered a short while later, "why didn't you just say no?"

"I'm not good at saying no," I explained. "And it gets me in all sorts of trouble."

Soon after, while I listened to the shrill sounds of Ryan revving up my power tools, I thought that this whole incident should have turned out better than it had.

After all, that fellow that married Britney Spears for only one night has already made millions of dollars in interviews and story rights. Barbie is even more famous than Britney Spears.

But it has been a few days and the international media have still not camped out on my doorstep. Nor have they phoned offering me ludicrous amounts of money for the inside scoop. Barbie hasn't even mentioned me on her official website - which sucks, I might add.

In fact, it seems that both Barbie and Carmen have lost interest in me altogether since the wedding.

I guess all a fellow can do is empathize with Ken. No wonder he's afraid of commitment.

So now, I'm just hoping we can end this amicably. Perhaps we can remember the good times we both had - before we ever met. I don't want to sound like a gold digger or anything but I'm thinking that I ought to be compensated by the makers of Barbie.

Think of the emotional distress and the alienation of affection. And then there's the pain and suffering that the marriage to Barbie caused too. You have to ask yourself how many good-looking, intelligent, witty men has this bleach-bottled blond Jezebel cast aside?

I'm thinking that I have a good case. If we get to court I might even get half.

But I'll settle for the camper and the riding crop.



pic of the past

They called Lochlin home: In this week's Pic of the Past we have back row: Evangeline (English) Hissey, Jean (Burk) Dart, Betty (Burk) Hicks, Joan (Burk) Irish, Blanche (Minaker) Miller, Glenna Minaker, John Newson. Second Row: Armand English, Ruth (Hicks) Wruth, Marie (Congdon) Baker, Rebecca (Harrison) Bellefeville (Dec. 1989), Doreen (Francis) Hicks, Bryan Sedgwick (Dec. 1960), Beth (Burk) Harrison. Front Row: Jim Congdon (Dec. 2003), Barbara (Burk) Carpenter, Neil Burk, Herbert Hagar, Muriel (Hicks) Francis (Dec. 1966). Our thanks to Ruth Wruth for the photo and information.

letters to the editor

Tax system far from fair

To the Editor:

Property tax; what an unpleasant issue! Not that I am against it in principle; after all, we require our municipality to provide us with many services, like clean and safe drinking water, clean and safe roads, disposal of our waste, sewer treatment and all that also requires some administration. We are the beneficiaries of these services and we have to pay for it, one way or another, but here is the problem.

Let's see how it works for Mr. Home with his family and Mr. Traveller's family:

Mr. Home purchased an older, two-storey house for his family, while Mr. Traveller rents his basement apartment next door, with the owner and another occasional tenant living in the same house. Mr. Traveller and his family like to travel, in winter with the "Snowbirds" down south, in summer abroad and their apartment is only a temporary necessity for them. (They have three rather expensive cars, but that does not count, does it?)

Mr. Home and his wife, on the other hand, like to spend their free time around their house - their castle. There are only two of them living there and they invest most of their income in improvements on their house: first, it was the enclosed garage and front porch, then new wider windows, extended deck, next year a sunroom with large Jacuzzi, nice gazebo and even a swimming pool. Now he builds a small, detached hobby shop, where he will have more room to play with his model trains. Bonanza in the eyes

of the assessment office! Needles to say, what happens to their property tax, compared to the one of Mr. Traveller's landlord, who by the way conveniently omits to report the additional "extended family" tenants in his house. (With the housing shortage, the municipality has no interest to check these things anyway.)

But how about the services they both require from the municipality? It is obvious, that Mr. Traveller's house produces at least twice as much waste and sewage as Mr. Home's and since the frequently "extended family" living in Mr. Traveler's house has five cars around the house, while Mr. Home has only one, their use of public road is much higher too. The same goes for the consumption of the treated water and all other municipal services. Yet Mr. Traveller's landlord and hence Mr. Traveller himself pays a lot less property tax than Mr. Home, who is severely punished for spending his own income money in the local economy rather than somewhere "down south".

True, Mr. Home raised the value of his property considerably, but he did it with his own, earned, and once already taxed money. The house is his retirement saving; one day he will sell it, move to an old folks home and support himself from the proceeds of the house; he does not want to be a burden on the government.

The Travellers on the other hand, spend all their disposable income "down south" since they know that the government pension and the addi-

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



HHSS students stage campy relief from cold

Canadian play spoofs 1930s horror films

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

High school students are offering the warmth of laughter this bitterly cold winter with a Canadian campy comedy.

With temperatures well below zero the Grade 12 class, led by student director Arlen Davis-Mighton and teacher Elke Zilla, is performing *When the Autumn Moon is Bright* (written by Ontario playwright John Palla).

Davis-Mighton said, "It's funny, humorous, entertaining. It's light. It's a good escape."

Taking its cue from the horror genre, this play takes place in Transylvania in the autumn of 1931. It starts with veterinarian Fulton Von Kruppen (Sterling Crowe) finding his deported stepbrother, surgeon Boris Von Kruppen (Josh Wales), running a hospital out of Castle Alucard. It is suspected by father, Professor Ignatz Von Kruppen (Wales) that evil experiments are being conducted.

Invited by Countess Alucard (Nicole St. Pierre), who is really a vampire out for blood, to the castle, Fulton and father, Professor Ignatz, with Fulton's fiancée Camille Newton (Jodi Curry) reunite with Boris.

Camille is mistaken for Boris' long lost love. She is abducted to be a mate to The Thing with the assistance of hunchback Igor (Cam Bryant) and "sexy scientist" Dr. Lana Chaney (St. Pierre). Added to the story is an omnipotent gypsy Bela Wallawhoopsi (Jill Parrish) who tells Fulton that he is afflicted with Lycanthropy, a disease that causes him to turn into a werewolf when the moon

is full.

This play ascends to its height when all of the characters are locked in the castle and left to wade through the layers of confusion to a satisfying end.

The madcap comedy uses physical humour and solid one-liners and has something for everyone to enjoy said Davis-Mighton.

With its liberal use of slapstick this play will appeal to most everyone while the quick and witty dialogue will appeal to an older set he said.

Parodying the classic horror movies of the 1930s such as *Frankenstein*, played by Boris Karloff, this play has numerous "in-jokes" for serious movie buffs.

Davis-Mighton said the play has been challenging for the aspiring actors and actresses, but the cast has risen to the challenge and has assumed each role (or role as several have assumed more than one) as their own.

The class has already performed for high school students on Friday, Jan. 9. They will be performing this week on Jan. 14, 15, and 16 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion. All performances begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for general admission and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door or from HHSS students.

The production staff comprised of Doug Brohm who designed the sets and David Mills who erected them. Cast members Cam Bryant and Brad Mickle also participated in the construction of the sets.

Stage crew members Nick Russell and Adam Perecko provided their expertise in the lighting and sound of the performance.



Above: Boris Von Kruppen (Josh Wales) exerts his authority over Igor (Cam Bryant) (Conrad Flatman), who suspects Countess Alucard of being a vampire

Below: Boris strangels Igor as Dr. Lana Chaney (Nicole St. Pierre) watches on.

Bottom left: Inspector Burgerfrye

Far left: Fulton (Sterling Crowe), bound in a wheelchair is taken away by omnipotent gypsy Bela Wallawhoopsi (Jill Parrish).



Photos by Darren Lum

Red Hawks seniors build from recent tournament

PAUL LONGO

Special to the Echo

The HHSS senior boys basketball team jumped back into action last week as league play resumed. Riding on an impressive 61-54 victory over Fenelon Falls on Dec. 17, the Red Hawks travelled to Lindsay on Jan. 6 to play St. Thomas Aquinas.

After a lethargic first half, the Red Hawks shook off the after-effects of the Christmas turkey and cruised to a 63-45 victory. Brad Mickle led all scorers with 27 points to improve his season points per game average to 24.

On Friday, Jan. 10 the Red Hawks boarded a frigid bus in the early hours of the morning to travel to Midland for a one-day, three-game tournament. As they approached Midland Secondary School, the fuel filter iced over forcing the squad to jog the last kilometre to make the tip-off. This invigorating exercise helped the team shake off the bus ride and they jumped to a 10-2 lead over Park Street (Orillia) in the first three minutes.

The game was fast-paced and intense with the lead changing hands several times. With five minutes left in the game, Park Street held a 47-42 lead. Daryl Arbour hit a clutch three-pointer to close the gap to two. With 1:12 left,

the game was tied at 49-49. The boys showed their poise as they waited for the offensive play to unfold. With 24 seconds left, Conrad Flatman shook his man, stepped back, and jacked a sweet 3-pointer to give the Red Hawks a lead that they would not relinquish. Final score 52-49 Red Hawks.

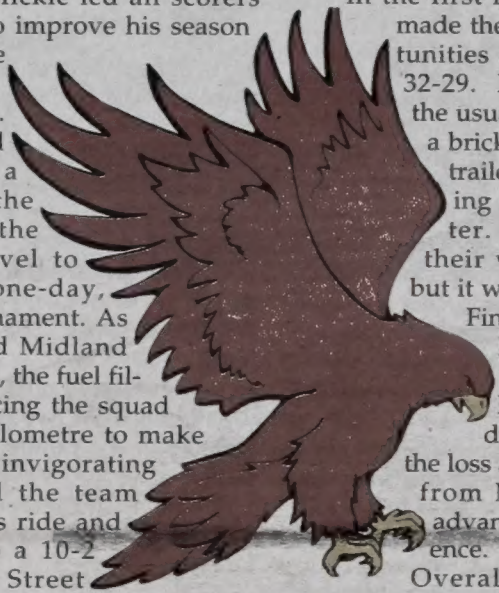
Balanced scoring and timely defensive stops were the keys to the victory.

In the second game, the Red Hawks faced the host Midland Mauraders with the winner earning a berth to the finals.

In the first half, the Red Hawks made the most of their opportunities and held the lead at 32-29. In the third quarter, the usually potent offense hit a brick wall and the Hawks trailed by six points heading into the fourth quarter. They tried to work their way out of the hole but it was just a bit too deep. Final score: Midland 54 Red Hawks 46.

In the B final, the Red Hawks found it difficult to shake off the loss and let a speedy team from Monarch Park take advantage of their indifference.

Overall, the Red Hawks played two strong games and continue to move in the right direction. They take their 6-3 record into this week with home games on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 3:00pm and Thursday, Jan. 15 at 3:45. Come out and enjoy some quality basketball!



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Winter wonderland



Led by Peter Brogden and wife Margaret, hikers/snowshoers made their way along the 1.5 km trail that undulated, twisted, and tightened to a single path and stretched wide enough for two people. Highlights of the trip were two vantage points that rise above Lake Kashagawigamog. Trails were clearly marked designating snowshoe trails to distinguish it from the cross-country skiing and snowmobile trails that run adjacent and cross it. Despite the small amount of snow in the area participants still snowshoed, getting the most out of the experience.



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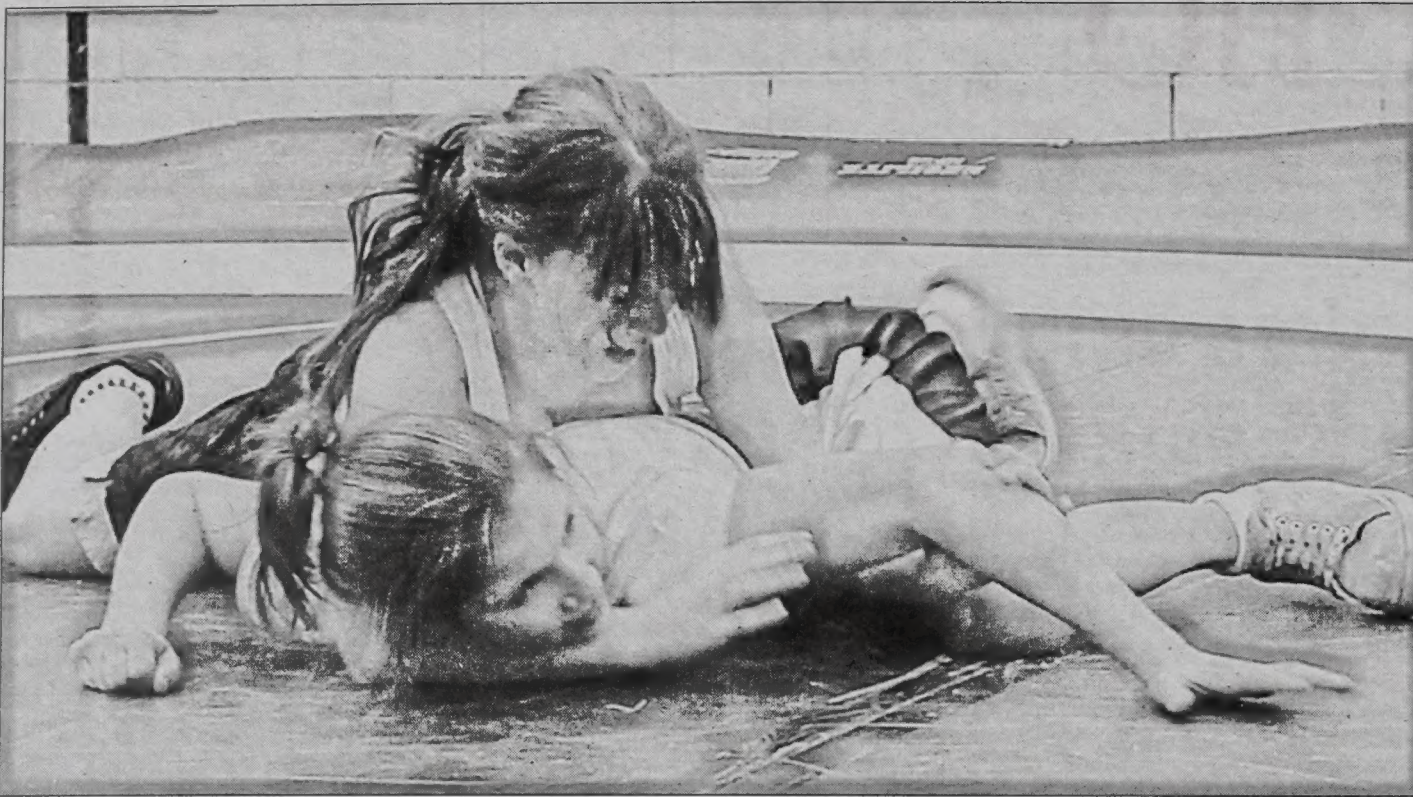
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PAUL KLOSE/special to Echo

Left: Jackie Grech attempts a cross-face in the championship finals.

Below: Kyle Austin exposes the back of his opponent to earn 2 points.



Competition heats up in preparation for OFSAA

PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Echo

On Friday, January 9, the Red Hawk wrestling team competed at the Cobourg East Wrestling Invitational. This was the largest tournament so far in the 2003/04 season hosting over 350 wrestlers. The level of competition was extremely high as teams prepare for the OFSAA qualifying tournaments beginning in about a month.

Twenty-six HHSS athletes competed at the tournament which lasted more than hours. Seven Haliburton wrestlers performed well throughout the day to rank among the top four in their weight class.

Dave Balaski wrestled his best matches of the year to win the gold medal in the

185 lb. weight class. Through hard work at practices and a persistent drive to improve technique, Balaski is recognized as one of the top wrestlers for this region in his weight class. His season record improves to 17 wins and four losses and has earned a medal in every tournament so far this season (one gold, three silver and one bronze).

In the heavyweight category, Kyle Austin dominated his bouts to earn a berth into the championship finals. Austin wrestled well, but lost to a senior wrestler who is favoured to win the COSSA gold. By earning a silver medal at this tournament, Kyle is considered a serious contender in this division. As a Grade 10 student, this is an outstanding feat.

Again, Melanie Howitt led the HHSS womens' team by winning five of six matches and taking home a bronze medal. Her loss came early in the tournament to a wrestler who competed at last year's OFSAA championships. Howitt's season record improves to 17 wins and two losses as she gears up for the final tournaments of the season. She is poised as a championship contender in the 119 lb. weight class and looks to refine her technique as the OFSAA-qualifying tournaments approach.

At 90 lbs, Jackie Grech earned a silver medal with her best match of the season in the finals. Adam DeCarlo faced stiff competition to rank fourth in the 104.5 lb. weight class. Grech and DeCarlo show promise as budding wrestlers. Both are

in their first year of wrestling and have placed in the top four at every tournament so far this year.

Jeff Griffin placed fourth in a very competitive 127-lb class while Korey Hissa wrestled consistently to earn a fourth place rank at 134 lbs.

All Red Hawk wrestlers are improving as the level of competition increases. While missing the finals, several wrestlers had their best bouts of the season. Honourable mention goes to Owen Schell, who lost two of his six gruelling matches at the punishing 149 lb. weight class.

The next tournament is not until the first week in February as wrestlers break for exams.



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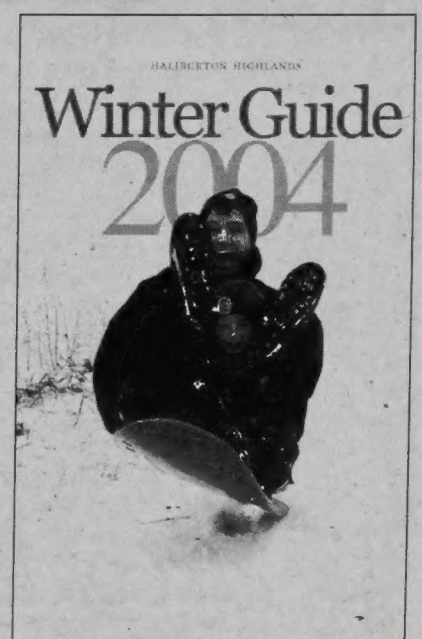
The Government of Canada is introducing Compassionate Care, a new special Benefit available to Employment Insurance eligible workers who must be absent from work to provide support to a family member who is gravely ill with a serious risk of death.

Important facts:

- ▣ Beginning January 4th, 2004, six weeks of Compassionate Care Benefits will be available to those who are eligible and provide the required medical certificate.
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Rising Red Hawks



Tournament scores

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HHSS	25, 25
STA	20, 22

Tournament highlight

The HHSS junior volleyball team hosted a tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 7. They split their match with perennial rival Fenelon Falls Falcons, losing the

first game and winning the second. In a slow paced game dictated by the Falcons the Red Hawks up tempo style only came through in the second game of the match. With the Red Hawks up by two points, 20-18, and the Falcons threatening with three unanswered points Sherri Walker came up big off the bench. A soft shot destined for the back court Walker, with her back to the net, ran down the ball and slid on her knees to bump it back for a point to increase the team to three points. Kirsten Rae served out the game for the split. First-year players Natasha McGann, Sherri Walker, Natalia Rico and Brittany Hicks played well and didn't exhibit any rookie-like jitters.

Respect resources when ice fishing

As the ice fishing season gets into high gear across most of the province, the Ontario Conservation Officers Association (OCA) would like to remind all anglers to respect the resources. Ice fishing can be a safe, relaxing way to spend a day outdoors if you keep a few simple tips in mind.

The most important thing to consider is ice safety, so be sure to check local conditions before heading out on to the lake, even in high traffic areas. If possible wear a flotation suit, and be sure to carry ice picks to help you get out of the water, and a whistle to signal for help if an accident occurs. A full set of survival gear is a must if you're heading for a remote location. "Our officers regularly encounter unprepared anglers in difficult situations", says OCA President Jim McMullen. He adds that advising a friend or family member of your intended route and time of return is a great help to searchers if you should become lost or broken down.

COs enforce both resource protection and public safety legislation, including the Ontario Fishery Regulations, the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, and Off Road Vehicles Act. "Anglers are encouraged to contact their local CO before heading out, to make sure they have a clear understanding of the rules regarding ice fishing", says McMullen. "Our officers are always willing to help ensure that everyone enjoys their fishing trip. We offer the following summary of the rules that

- anglers most often forget."
- All Ontario residents aged 18 to 64 now require a 2004 angling licence, with the exception of handicapped persons.
- Anglers must carry their licence with them while fishing, and must produce it when requested by an officer
- Anglers are generally allowed to use two lines each when ice fishing; check for any local exceptions to this rule in the 2004 Sport Fishing regulations Summary (now available at MNR offices and licence issuers).
- Anglers must be within 60 metres of any fishing line they are using, and must maintain a clear view of their lines
- Catch and possession limits for different fish species vary across the province. Check the 2004 Sport Fishing regulations Summary (available at MNR offices and licence issuers) for limits in your area.
- In areas where size limits are in effect, you must keep your fish whole while on the ice.
- All persons operating or riding a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle (ATV) must wear an approved helmet.
- All snowmobiles and ATVs must have a valid permit and insurance if operated on crown land, including lakes and rivers.
- Anglers are encouraged to help officers apprehend those who choose to abuse the fisheries resources of Ontario. To report a violation, contact your local MNR office, call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or visit the OCA website at www.oca.ca.

Skyline Bonspiel offers \$2,500 in prizes

The 45th Skyline Men's Curling Bonspiel will be held January 16, 17 and 18 at the Haliburton Curling Club. Spectators are welcome. This bonspiel features 28 out of town teams and four local teams. A competition before the bonspiel will determine which four of eight local teams will compete. The eight local teams are skipped by: Rob Ainsley, Dave Gray, Tom Harkness, Bob Johnston, Terry Roche, Wayne Shepherd,

Don Wetmore and John Wilson. Games start Friday, January 16 at 3 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m. on Saturday the 17th. They start at 8 a.m. and go until 11 p.m. on Sunday they start at 9 a.m. with the finals at 2 p.m. The 32 teams are playing for over \$2,500 in prizes and for the four trophies sponsored by Haliburton Lumber, Curry Motors, Haliburton Home Hardware and Dawson Insurance.

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Here's the great line-up:

• **Ice Climbing** - Saturday, January 24, hosted by Medeba Adventure Learning Centre

This workshop provides a great introduction to climbing gear and techniques. You'll have a chance to put your new skills to the test on Medeba's challenging 40' wall of ice! No previous climbing experience necessary.

• **Snowmobiling** - Saturday, January 31, hosted by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

Review trail safety, etiquette and trip planning. Experts will also be on hand to answer any questions you might have about purchasing your first snowmobile. Then it's your chance to get out and enjoy first hand the beautiful trails of the Highlands. This is a perfect primer for

anyone new to the sport of snowmobiling.

• **Dogsledding** - Saturday, February 14th, hosted by the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

Learn what it takes to care for and condition these friendly four-legged athletes. Then harness, head for the trails and experience the thrill of "mushing" your own team of huskies. Need we say more? Cost for this workshop is \$90/person.

• **Snowshoeing** - Saturday, February 21, hosted by the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre

Discover an ancient craft that is fun and easy to learn - no complicated equipment and no fancy footwork. If you enjoy hiking, you'll love snowshoeing.

• **Orienteering & Tracking** - Saturday, February 28, hosted by Bark Lake Leadership Centre

Ideal for all experience levels, this workshop will help you to build on simple navigation and survival techniques while using traditional methods of transportation such as snowshoes and skis.

• **Kicksledding** - Saturday, March 6, hosted by Kinark Outdoor Centre

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The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network provided a tour of the new snowshoeing trail in Haliburton last week. They will partner with the Outdoor Centres of Haliburton for upcoming winter workshops.

sport that is both functional and wickedly fun. You won't be disappointed.

• **X-Country Skiing** - Saturday, March 13, hosted by YMCA Camp Wanakita

Whether you are new to skiing or just want to refresh your technique, you'll benefit from this introduction to classic-style skiing. Learn the basics that will give you the confidence to enjoy the

trails on your own.

Space for all workshops is limited so do register in advance. For more information or to register, contact: Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network, 705-489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca

Get out and make friends with winter - you'll be glad you did!

Public meeting for Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association in Buckhorn

If you've ever thought of starting your own maple-syrup business, but don't know where to begin, help isn't far away.

Over the next few weeks, the annual meeting of local producers at Buckhorn will be open to aspiring syrup-makers and a workshop for beginners will take place at Dorset.

There will be plenty to talk about at the Buckhorn meeting of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association on Jan. 23.

Beginner will be able to learn plenty just by listening in on reports on bugs, tax issues and what amounts to quality control.

There will also be a chance to meet equipment dealers. A hobbyist with six years of syrup-making experience will be on hand to help beginners decide how to get started.

The bugs on the agenda are the Asian

Long-Horned Beetle and Emerald Ash Borer, two introduced pests that pose a real threat to North America's hardwood forests.

The Asian Long-Horned Beetle is a particular danger to maple forests. The meeting will be told what is being done to keep both pests from spreading.

Some producers face a double whammy from the tax man. Owners of woodlots operating under the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Plan already face a change in the province's assessment policies that is expected to hike their tax bills.

Producers still not resigned to that change learned late last fall that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation had begun the process of reassessing sugar houses as factories, a change that the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association says could lead taxes on the buildings to increase as much

as 16 times in some municipalities.

Not all of the news is bad; bugs and tax-collectors haven't stopped Ontario maple syrup from getting better each year. Producers eat a lot of their own syrup, so they have a personal interest in making a safe, pure product. There's no comparison between the quality of today's syrup and what was made in the good old days.

At the Jan. 23 meeting, there will be a Best Management Practices Report and an update on the continuing drive to eliminate lead from maple products.

The deadline to pre-register for the meeting at the Buckhorn Community Centre is

already here. The cost for the meeting, including lunch, is \$15. To sign up, call Sam McLean at (705) 657-2134. Or, for more information, call Jean Schlicklin-Tyler at 457-2214.

The Maple Syrup Workshop at Dorset will take place Feb. 20 at the Frost Centre. It will include lectures aimed at beginners and a visit to a nearby sugar bush.

The workshop has been known to fill up early. The cost is \$15. or \$20. with lunch. To sign up, call Alain Lafleur at (705) 766-2451. For more information, call Mike Walsh at (705) 646-5530.

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Friend gives away winning SK8 ticket

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Julian Forget opened his Christmas card from buddy Karl Kadwell and found a raffle ticket, not exactly the most exciting of presents - until he won the first prize.

The ticket was from a fund-raising raffle put on for the Haliburton Sk8 park. First prize was a Bam Margera Deck, Grind King Trucks and pig wheels and if you understand what any or all of these parts are then you either are a skater or have a kid who skateboards. You put the three pieces together for a Cadillac of a skateboard. The 13-year-old also won an excellent Protec Cabelleo helmet.

"It's great. My old board is about ready to snap. Guess I'll be trying out some heel flips when the snow melts," says Julian.

Karl, far from excited for his friend, jokes about being robbed. Deck, trucks, pig wheels and the whole shebang should have been his, he reckons, considering the number of tickets he had. His mother, Rosie Kadwell, had purchased several tickets and had been trying to sell them to help the Sk8 committee.

DARREN LUM/ECHO



(l-r) Karl Kadwell makes a grab for the skateboard that might have been his if he had not given a winning raffle ticket to his friend Julian Forget.

However, as the holidays rolled around she found herself in possession of seven tickets. She suggested Karl give one to Julian, who only that summer had got him into skateboarding.

Karl still had six tickets so when Julian first called him to excitedly report his good luck, Karl flat out didn't believe him. He was on the internet when the call came through and Julian said someone had called him at his Dad's to say he won. But when Karl tried calling Julian back, his buddy was not at his Dad's but his mom's. Donning his Sherlock hat he figured the whole call was a practical joke.

"I got a hold of him at his mom's and he was laughing about it so I was con-

vinced he was lying. It took a while to convince me," says Karl, who laughs about it now.

The second place winner, Nigel St. Pierre, won a Zero Deck, Grind King Trucks and Rick McCrank Wheels. Greg Shantz, committee spokesperson, says they are surprised and impressed at the teen's generosity since he decided to donate back the trucks which are worth about \$70. Shantz says it is a generous gesture from a teen who hopes the committee can use the trucks as a prize in further fund-raising efforts.

The third place winner is Tyler Watson who won dinner for two at Sir Sams for two that will likely be enjoyed by his parents. Darlene Box won fourth prize of

XTM deck and Brandon Biebel wheels. Box is beyond the years of skateboarding and the most least likely person to give the sport a try, says Shantz. However it would appear her 15-year-old nephew is quite excited by her win.

In a surprise twist none of the original holders of the winning tickets are either keeping all of the prize or getting any of it. Shantz says the committee is grateful for the community support and looking forward to getting the new equipment up in the spring. Since fund-raising started last summer the committee has raised \$17,400 (including municipal financial support) with only \$1,600 left to go to pay off the \$19,000 Dysart et al bankrolled for the equipment.

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Minden and Dorset have housing projects already on the go

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Epps says that he received a lot of calls after less than one week of advertising. He too has heard of five- to seven-year waiting lists for apartments in Haliburton and people seem to be keen on staying rather than be forced to leave. Six of his own friends left Haliburton County in 2003 after not being able to find appropriate housing once they decided to leave their cottages.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey has repeatedly stated he wants to encourage and support new seniors' housing initiatives. He supports St. George's Anglican Church as the congregation explores getting involved in a housing project but the church has not yet brought a proposal to council.

Other areas of the county are facing an equal amount of difficulty. Jan McDonald, Algonquin Development Group chair, says that when they did a survey of Algonquin Highlands residents to measure interest in creating an "active" seniors housing project in Dorset's former school building the response was very positive.

The group has retained an architect, a local cottager who has designed a plan to convert the old school into six one-bedroom and one two-bedroom apartments. The group is meeting with Andy Mitchell, MP for the area, on January 19 to discuss funding for the project. The meeting is closed to the public but McDonald says her group will be working hard to keep information about the project available to the public.

McDonald says they are starting with a small number of apartments but could expand the building if the venture is successful. They are hoping to have residents move in as early as the summer of 2005. She says Algonquin Highlands council has been very supportive and is in the process of deciding what role the municipality will

play in the purchase of the school from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. The municipality of Lake of Bays has also been supportive and grants have been given from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and Muskoka Community Futures.

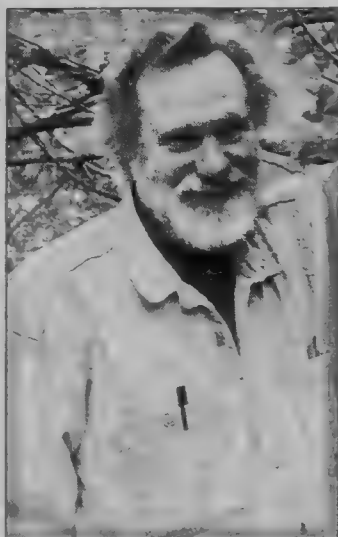
She says that the businesses in Dorset are looking at the housing project as a way to rejuvenate the village and are also very keen to see the project go ahead.

The only other senior-oriented housing project in the county is the Highland Gate development in Minden. Al Mayo, a Coldwell Banker real estate agent, says the project is geared to seniors but not exclusively so. The development has three phases. The first phase currently under construction contains 26 units: some singles, semi-detached and cluster homes. The second phase contains plans for 115 different types of accommodation including 44 assisted living apartments. The third phase is for 58 single family homes.

Highland Gate plans also involve converting the Windovers' farm house into a community recreation activity centre.

Mayo says he knows there is a growing market for seniors accommodation in the villages as seniors leave their cottages. He says there are a lot of seniors still too healthy to move into nursing homes or long term care facilities who are moving back to cities and into apartments.

Lawrence says there has been talk of various housing projects over the years but nothing seems to happen. She is not interested in an expensive condo in a gated community with its own golf course and recreation rooms. What she wants and cannot find is a simple, one-storey place complete with laundry that's "easy on the old bones."



Peter Epps says he's received several calls as a result of his ad asking for input on a plan to build condominiums

letters to the editor cont'd

Fair taxes needed

from page 7

tional low income supplement will one day help them anyway.

Now, judge for your self the fairness of the existing property tax system! Everybody paid for his property once already when he bought it and also for each improvement on it. Shouldn't therefore all the users of the municipal services pay evenly, according to their use of it; that means per person/volume regardless of their property value. Perhaps there may be some surcharge for excessive property use. The real property value could be established correctly only when the property is being sold on the market. Everything else is an estimate and more often than not a wrong estimate, having nothing to do with the municipal services being used by the owner or occupants. We don't consider the estimated value of our vehicles as the base for the property tax, why

then the estimated property value! The communist idea "let the rich people pay" destroys people's productivity and self-reliance, thus making us all the poorer. (See the former communist countries.) It was probably the only way in the past to simplify the municipal administration, but in this computerized era and market driven economy, it should be history.

And one more note: the education part of the tax should be also evenly collected from each individual and not related to the property value. Education is everybody's future. As far as the tax, or rather service administration, is concerned, this should not be such a problem in these computer-driven times. All that is needed is goodwill to make the tax system fair to all.

Milan Frybort
Tory Hill

Slippery sidewalks pose a danger to shoppers

To the Editor:

Re: slippery sidewalks

I totally agree with Jane Wykes on the subject of slippery sidewalks in Haliburton.

On December 23, I was parked in the Home Hardware parking lot getting a few last minute gifts. When I tried to walk to my van, I slipped on the ice near the door entrance.

As I lay there on the ice many people walked right past me, a black pickup truck backed into my shoulder and I slid further down to the road.

No one helped; not even the driver got

out to assist me. I drove myself to the hospital (after crawling to my van) and was examined.

The Christmas holidays and New Years for me were spent on crutches. To this day, January 12, I still have pain and bruising in my foot.

I can only imagine how some of our seniors would have been injured in such a situation.

If the stores sell ice melting products, perhaps they should use them for the customers who frequent their stores.

D Fulton,
Haliburton



COMMUNICATIONS BULLETIN

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services has always been committed to keeping client/resident personal information accurate, confidential, secure and private. In an era where technology enables unlimited access to personal information within and across organizations, it is essential to revisit existing practices and procedures and update them as needed. To this end, we are in the process of enhancing our information management practices. Our process of enhancement has been enabled by privacy requirements that are based on 10 privacy principles which are internationally accepted.

We are pleased to inform you that we are revitalizing our privacy practices and developing a plan, consistent with the privacy principles. These principles provide a privacy framework for the management of personal information. By implementing this privacy framework, our organization will be better positioned to provide greater privacy protection of personal information.

We are pleased to announce that the Privacy Implementation Project will be led by: Kellie Churko, Director of Health Information and Chief Privacy Officer for HHHS.

We have appointed a Corporate Privacy Team to coordinate the Privacy activities. Members of the Privacy Team include: Keith Sansford - Chief Executive Officer, Lynne Johnston - Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care, Melinda O'Mara, Director of Care - Highland Wood & Hyland Crest, Beth Archibald - Director of Community Services, Connie Wood - Director of Organizational Development, Dr. Norm Bottum, Lorrie Blanchard - Accounting Supervisor, Dale Walker - Executive Director of the HHHS Foundation, Chris Bonnett and Dave Howe - Members of the Board of Directors of the HHHS and Kellie Churko - Team Leader.

Watch for upcoming information on the Privacy Project. We will keep you informed of our progress and look forward to your contributions to this important project.

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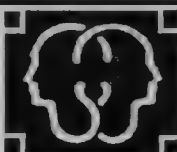
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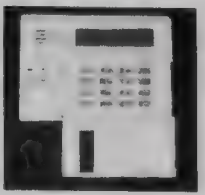
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Please contact the school in your attendance area for further registration details. If you are unable to register your child during the day, contact the school principal to arrange for an evening appointment. School phone numbers may be found on the TLDSB web site

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French Immersion Programs

Information nights will be held at each of the schools offering French Immersion:

Haliburton:	Stuart Baker ES	February 3, 2004 6:30 pm
Muskoka:	Monck PS	January 27, 2004 7:00 pm
	Riverside PS	January 28, 2004 7:00 pm
Lindsay:	Leslie Frost PS	January 26, 2004 7:00 pm (raindate - January 28, 2004 7:00 p.m.)

For more information please contact the school in your area. School phone numbers can be found on the TLDSB website at

www.tldsb.on.ca

Registration forms will be available at each location and must be returned to the appropriate school by February 6, 2004.

Potential French Immersion students may register at their local school for JK or they may register for JK at the French Immersion School in their area. After March 31st, registration of out-of-area JK students at French Immersion schools will only be permitted if space is available.

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MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

LIKE LEONARD COHEN'S bird on a wire, Lea Harper needs a place where she can sit and look out onto the world. She needs the height, the distance, the sense of space to give her the perspective that lets her put words to what she sees and feels. Her thoughts need to be able to fly somewhere towards that distant horizon, but before she finds the courage to leave she has to know there's some place safe to come back to.

For Harper that place is Kennisis Lake. More specifically, a cluttered room with its dark, forest green walls cupping a fourth wall of windows that let the light of the lake spill into the room with peaceful abandon. As she sits looking out through those windows, she has behind her the warmth and comfort of all that is familiar and safe – family, favourite books, photographs, mementoes of her past; in front of her are the unknown places where her thoughts will wander. She won't know what she's going to find until she gets there.

And as a poet working on her third collection of verse, she can't have one space without the other.

"Kennisis Lake has always been home to me," she says between sips of a long-cold cup of coffee and absent-mindedly inhaling the calming smoke from one of her cigarettes. (Her addiction seems like just another example of the push/pull of her life. She's not really aware that she's smoking but she needs to know the cigarettes are there.)

In 1968 her father built the cottage which now sits above her. It was raised so that a liveable ground floor could be built underneath it, creating two rather separate yet joined places. The bottom half includes her office and a small living room where her golden retriever, Red Star, is anxious to wean her five



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From dancing in a bikini bar in Los Angeles to helping her golden retriever raise five adorable puppies, Lea Harper has found ways to support herself as a poet. She's currently working on her third anthology, using as her muse the view outside the windows of her Kennisis Lake home.

absolutely adorable pups.

It was during her summers here that she met Larry Everitt whose family owned the nearby marina. They dated when they were in their twenties, when she could pass as the next Joni Mitchell and he was driving fast boats out into the lake on the way to becoming a Formula 1 champion racer.

Given how their careers were about to take them all over the world – separately – it's not surprising that they eventually

broke up but it is fortuitous that a few years ago they both ended up living a few kilometres from one another, she in Omamee with her daughters Chela and Tammy and he in Peterborough. Together they decided to move back to Kennisis Lake in 2001.

It's not like she had ever really left. Even when she and her twin sister Lyn were trying out their siren song in Los Angeles she'd ask friends to mail her autumn leaves from Kennisis. When she

had enough cash to live on so she didn't have to work – or, perhaps more frequently, when she was without cash or work – she'd retreat here to find the silence where she could write her poetry.

There's something about the water, she says, that makes thoughts flow.

"I still marvel at how the water reflects your thoughts back to you," she says about her muse, reading from the notes she will present at this Thursday's

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Thoughts flow on the waves of Kennisis Lake

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Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network luncheon at the Delta Pinestone. "It's better than a crystal ball. One can see the future, re-live the past. Here, time is a mirage. The waves drink the waves."

It was also on Kennisis Lake that Harper sought a final resting place for her mother's ashes. The woman whose ashes were paddled out to the middle of the lake before being quietly pulled down and away by the waves was her adoptive mother. Lea and Lyn's birth mother was a 16-year-old performer with the Ice Follies when the twins were conceived, fathered by a man whose skates were about to glide him towards a hockey career with the Spokane Flyers. Years later, when Lea and Lyn contacted their birth mother she still wanted to keep them hidden (their birth father didn't even want to acknowledge their existence.) It was an awkward reunion that did not lead to friendship.

Harper deeply loved and respected her adoptive mother. She also admired her mother's courage as she survived a cancer that doctors said would kill her, only to succumb to the mental nightmare of Alzheimers. Harper helped care for her mother until her death in 2001 and somehow feels guilty about not being able to "save" her. She has yet to write about her mother's death but since her next anthology of poems is called *Earthly Remains* she knows she'll have to.

"I titled it for that reason," she admits, while also stressing that her poetry is not always autobiographical. "Poetry," she laughs almost ruefully, "is an illness, a compulsion. Poetry is on a gut level. It's a way of making sense of the world; it's an intensely personal act. It's our job to draw people back to the heart."

Lea and Lyn were raised in Toronto. Their birth parents might have been at

home on the ice but the twins' creativity found its voice in song. Just around the time that their father was buying the cottage at Kennisis, Lyn was singing in a "psychedelic dungeon" in Yorkville. (Remember that in the late '60s it was reading Pravda, not wearing Prada, that made you hip enough to be accepted in the bohemian Toronto neighbourhood.) Lea joined her but there were not enough gigs to support them so they took their cover act on the road, hitting nearly every bar in Northern Ontario: Harper swears that the same stumbling drunk followed them from bar to bar, demanding that they sing Proud Mary.

Harper convinced Lyn that the only way they'd make it in the music industry was by writing their own songs. They rented an old farmhouse in Ontario's Mennonite country and began writing. Their first demo was accompanied by the late flautist, Moe Kauffman.

It is both a blessing and a curse to become professional partners with your twin, the person with whom you already share so much, Harper says. "It's really nice to have someone who can finish your sentence and even dream the same dreams, but if you don't like yourself that day you're not going to like them either."

With \$200 and their guitars, in the mid-70s the sisters flew to land of Oz - Los Angeles. Later they'd realize this city, which thrives on remorseless competition, is for people who've already established their careers but they were sure the world was just waiting to hear their songs. They were, after all, called Syren. While they were waiting for the world to discover them, however, they'd have to take other, less glamorous jobs such as serving beer in a bikini bar while wearing a bathingsuit and spiked heels and dancing to disco music while the strippers took a break.

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"It's better than a crystal ball," Lea Harper says of Kennisis Lake. "One can see the future, re-live the past. Here, time is a mirage. The waves drink the waves."

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It takes courage to give in to the passion of poetry

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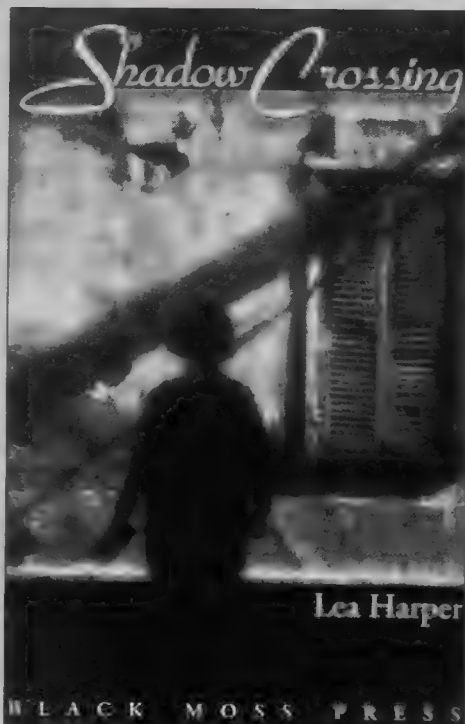
Eventually they started to earn a good living as session singers, providing the back-up vocals to other singers.

Not wanting to remain in the anonymous background, they returned to Toronto to release their first album in 1984. Three of the tracks, including the reggae tune that was to earn them a Juno nomination, were recorded in Kingston, Jamaica with Jimmy Cliff's back-up band.

"Musicians are treated with more respect in Jamaica than anywhere else in the world," Harper says. "Bob Marley's lyrics graced the back of buses and music poured out of every shop into the streets. In exchange for singing harmonies at Marley's Tuff Gong studio, we were taxied the following night from Montego Bay in a van that broke down in Spanish Town at five in the morning. We'd heard about the possees who waited in the hills for unsuspecting tourists. We had a saddlebag full of cash to pay the studio. Our scrawny, dreadlocked chauffeur began a Nyabingi chant that I was sure was the Last Rites in patois. Out of nowhere a man hollered from the shadows in a thick Scottish brogue, threw us into his jeep and took us straight to the steps of Stoney Mountain where we recorded at sun-up."

Harper laughs when she's asked how she'd feel as a mother if her 19-year-old daughter Chela was to tell the same type of story. "Don't even go there," she responds. "I've been training her as an accountant." (It hasn't worked.)

It's not, however, the Juno nomination which makes Harper the most proud. "The most gratifying musical project began as a tribute," she says. "We'd been working in the native community, doing benefit concerts, and became interested in the plight of the Lubicon



Shadow Crossing was her second book, also written at Kennisis Lake.

Cree of Northern Alberta. We collaborated with the Engleheart Singers and drummers. Ancient battle songs underscored our compositions. The result was haunting. We received a grant for a musical documentary and Much Music aired the video."

But while writing song lyrics is akin to poetry, it's not quite the same thing. Harper wanted verses that weren't tied to the dictates of musical structure. She wanted to be the poet she'd always dreamed of. Ted Allan made that possible. He was the father of a friend of hers and she got a job typing his manuscripts. His children's book, *Willie the Squouse*, won the Stephen Leacock award for humour and his screenplay of

the movie *Lies My Father Told Me* was nominated for an Oscar.

"He rekindled my passion to get back to the page," she says. By introducing her to Jack McClelland and Mordecai and Florence Richler, he also gave her the impetus she needed to get published.

It wasn't until she was living in Omeme and she joined a strong writers' group that things started to really come together. While very supportive, her fellow writers could also be very ruthless when suggesting ways she could re-work her poetry. "I learned to divorce myself from the page - to orphan the poems in order to view them with a jaundiced eye."

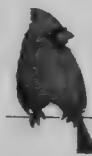
She also realized how much she needed the group's company. As a singer she had always had an audience. As a poet she not only wrote alone, but when her poems were published they were read by others, alone. Her work was produced in a vacuum; she needed to add more human contact to her day.

Around the same time, she received the Canada Council grant that allowed her to stay at home, nursing her baby Tammy, and write. After sending the manuscript to her publisher, for eight months she made a pilgrimage to her mailbox to see if there was any reply. One cannot imagine the thrill, the validation of holding her first book in her hands.

On the surface so many aspects of Harper's life seem exciting and glamorous. Those moments, however, are only the tiny nuggets of gold which are sifted from a pile of broken earth and stones. Sure she had a role in a Bette Midler movie, but it was singing *Go Tell it on the Mountain* on a television program that Midler turns off after watching for 10 seconds. Harper was playing the role of a hooker on television's *Night*

Heat when she refused to return to the set after a fellow actress ended up with hypothermia from having to wear so little on such a cold night.

The real treasure to be mined from her life is buried deep in the two, soon to be three, thin volumes of her poetry. There she exposes and reveals the truths not only of her own life but of what she sees sitting up there on the wire, the whole, glorious world spread before her.



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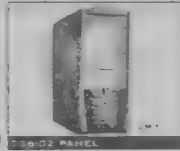
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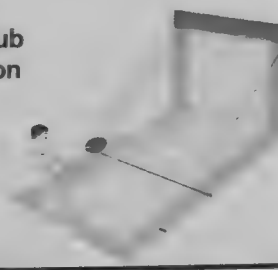
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Public can comment on water upgrades

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The Municipality of Highlands East has scheduled a "Public Information Centre" for Tuesday, January 27 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce to receive public input and comment about the planning and design of improvements to the water distribution system in the village of Wilberforce.

A Class Environmental Assessment was initiated by Highlands East to examine what improvements were needed to bring the water distribution system into compliance with the province's new Safe Drinking Water Act (2002). Ontario Regulation 170/03 requires disinfection,

monitoring, sampling and control systems to ensure public health and safety.

According to the notice issued Jan. 9 received in the mail this past weekend, "basic improvements will include the construction of a new water treatment facility including the installation of appropriate treatment equipment, underground reservoir and new water distribution piping. The Regulations say the system upgrades must be completed by March 1, 2005.

This is a matter of tremendous interest to people in this area. Questions are being raised particularly about the extent and location of the new distribution piping. It would be helpful to have a presentation at a specific time

by The Environmental Supervision for Highlands East and/or the Project Manager of Greer Galloway Group Inc. outlining proposed plans for the water system. Citizens could then ask educated questions and make reasoned helpful comments. At the January 27 Public Information Centre the resource people will likely be repeating explanations over and over again as people visit over the three hours between 5 and 8 p.m.

Please let the Municipal Office hear your suggestions soon. Call your Ward 4 Councillor Rick Forget and Environmental Supervisor Glen Covert about your feelings on this important matter. Perhaps a short meeting could be held or a more informative summary of plans made known before Jan. 27. Or perhaps all interested par-

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Gary King
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County of Haliburton



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 10th day of February, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of Lot 12, Concession 15, designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 1223 and Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Part Lot 12, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2, 3 and Part 4 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S. dated September 22, 2003 (Part 4 being the flooded portion, will be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township Office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 13th day of January, 2004.

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MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST Class Environmental Assessment Wilberforce Water Distribution System NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The Municipality of Highlands East initiated a Class Environmental Assessment to examine improvements to the Wilberforce water distribution system in the Village of Wilberforce, County of Haliburton.

Various improvements are required to bring the water distribution system into compliance with the new Safe Drinking Water Act (2002). Ontario Regulation 170/03 mandates certain minimum requirements including disinfection, monitoring, sampling and control systems to ensure public health and safety. Basic improvements will include the construction of a new water treatment facility including the installation of appropriate treatment equipment, underground reservoir and new water distribution piping. The Regulations further stipulate that the system upgrades must be completed by March 1, 2005.

Public input and comment are invited for incorporation into the planning and design of this project and will be received at a Public Information Centre. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Municipality of Highlands East intends to proceed with the planning design and construction of this project.

The Public Information Centre has been arranged to receive and review input from the public and will be held as noted below:

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2004
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Lloyd Watson Building, County Road 648, Wilberforce

For further information on this project please contact:

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Municipality of Highlands East
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This Notice issued January 13, 2004.

Glen Covert
Environmental Supervisor, Municipality of Highlands East



Public Notice

The Council of the County of Haliburton is inviting individuals having an interest in participating on the County Economic Diversification Committee to submit a Letter of Interest/ Resume to the attention of the County Clerk.

Letters are to be received by Friday, January 23rd, 2004 at 4:30 pm and may be sent by mail, fax or email to the attention of

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the same time on Jan. 27 to all get the same message.

Curling leagues are all back in play after the Christmas break. A New Year's Mixed Bonspiel is being played this upcoming weekend.

The Wilberforce School Newsletter has gone out for January. After a fine Christmas Concert and a good holiday students and staff are back for a busy winter term. Among the activities the children will be involved in are a Chess Club for Gr. 3 to 6 students, and a Snack Program every Tuesday and Thursday. As part of their physical education program they will be skating on Fridays at the arena. The Grade 5/6 class will be starting Curling lessons soon. The Choir which performed so well at the Concert continue to meet and sing. This all in addition to their regular academic program.

As the cast of the Wizard of Oz learn lines, the Loop Crew is busily working on sets, props, lights and costumes. They meet Wednesday evenings at the Lloyd Watson Centre.



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Please submit cover letter and resume by January 26, 2004 to:

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Gary Heads, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

Public Notice
Class Environmental Assessment
Fish Stocking in New Waters

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is inviting public comment on the proposal to stock walleye, rainbow trout and brook trout into 12 local lakes in the MNR's Bancroft District, Minden Area. The purpose of this proposal is to provide increased angling opportunities for these species within the district. These are new species introductions into waterbodies that presently do not have these fish species.

The lakes and fish species the Ministry is proposing to stock are:

Lake	Township	Purpose of Fish Introduction	
		Put-Grow-And-Take	Naturally Reproducing
Barnum	Dysart	walleye	-
Black	Dysart	walleye	-
Loom	Galway	walleye	-
Cinder	Hindon	-	walleye
Cranberry	Guilford	-	walleye
De Gaulle	Galway	-	walleye
Fishog	Digby	-	walleye
Lavery	Harvey	-	walleye
South Jean	Hindon	-	walleye
Tedious	Guilford	rainbow trout	-
Two Island	Dudley	rainbow trout	-
Kennisis	Havelock	brook trout	-

A project screening is being conducted under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects to assign this proposal to a category for evaluation. The assigned category determines the level of detail of the project planning evaluation and the amount of consultation that will be undertaken. This proposal has been tentatively assigned to Category B, on the basis that little or no public concern is anticipated with the proposal. Each lake will be assessed individually, and may be removed from the proposal if there is a high level of environmental and/or public concern. MNR is requesting public input on this category assignment before proceeding further.

Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which expires on February 11, 2004. The second notice - a notice of completion - will be provided only to parties who have provided input or requested further notice. MNR may proceed to implement the proposal without issuing a further general notice.

For more information on the proposal, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact:

Leeyann Tomasini, Species at Risk Intern
Ministry of Natural Resources
Minden Area, Bancroft District
Box 820, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0
Tel.: 705-286-2513. Fax: 705-286-4355
E-mail: leeyann.tomasini@mnr.gov.on.ca

The MNR is collecting comments and personal information under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act to assist in making decisions and determining any further consultation needs. All comments and opinions, which do not constitute personal information as defined by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, will be shared among MNR, other government agencies and may be included in study documentation that is made available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For more information on the collection and use of the personal information, contact: Vince Ewing, Acting Information Management Supervisor, P.O. Box 500, Highway 28, Bancroft, Ontario, K0L 1C0. Tel.: 613-332-3940, ext. 206.



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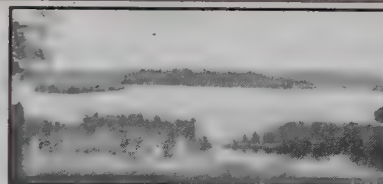
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West Guilford's community youth in full pursuit of dreams

Christmas new continues to come in. Nila Cowen's family were all home for the holiday. Kendra and Bill Stamp with their Billie-Jo and Danielle from Clairmont, Fla., Jim Cowen and his friend, Linda, Sandy and David Cowen from Fenelon Falls with their son, Andrew and later their daughter Heather (with Sandy) and little Nathaniel from Oshawa.

Another piece of Guilford history is gone in the passing of Frank Barnum on Jan. 3, 2003. His brothers were Clayton, Harry and Oliver.

Brenda and Dan Harding are now custodians of the Centre, taking over from Cheryl and Greg Cooper. Cheryl was into her fifteenth year as care-taker so it is the beginning of a well-earned rest from that work.

Getting back to present family information, the Laportes, Frank and Doris' family and areas they are from are: Larry and Sherry in Peterborough with Jenny and Darryl Moore, and Aaron Laporte, Black and Nicole Laporte in Thunder Bay with son Alexandre, and Rhonda and Barry

Shaw of Horseshoe Lake area with Josh and Meghan. Josh is now in Peterborough at Sir Sandford Fleming College in sporting goods and business course.

Joel Cooper is also at Sir Sandford in Peterborough in sports management course.

Bonnie Bolton has just run a five lesson course for dog-training. The animals have learned to obey hand signals, they know to "stand down", not to accept food from strangers, and are traffic broken by the time the course is completed. Also, they

are ready for further training, should the owners wish, by St. John's Ambulance, as therapy dogs in hospitals.

Bill Marshall says to mention no names, but at the Centre's Euchre last Tuesday, people with the initials of K.N. and P.N. got skunked! It's a great place to socialize and have fun, no one takes the game too seriously, so if you're looking for something to do one evening a week, give it some consideration.

-West Guilford News, Eleanor Cooper



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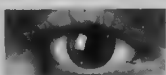
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- **Jan. 13: The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners.** OHS Spinning Presentation - Spin, Weave, Dye, Knit, Design. Color and 1:30 p.m. on January 13 at the Haliburton Museum.
- **Jan. 16: Gooderham United Church** invites you to join us for our Family Music Night at 7:00 p.m. featuring Teen Mission Team Venezuela from Haliburton. Free will offering. Refreshments to follow.
- **Jan. 20, 27 & Feb. 3: Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock – Learning Begins.** Provides parents of children 0-2 with: vital information about your baby's brain development; the essential role you have in your baby's brain development; things you can do to stimulate your baby's brain development. Tues., Jan. 20th, 27th and Feb. 3rd, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Haliburton. For info. or to register call Bev at 286-4625. Childcare available upon request.
- **Jan. 20: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton.** Alzheimer Office in Haliburton. Tues., Jan. 20, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **Jan. 22: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton.** Hyland Crest, Minden. Thurs., Jan. 22, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For info. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **Ft. Irwin Residents Assoc. Quilting Group** meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. at the FIRA Hall. New and experienced quilters are welcome. For more info contact Joanne Penfold at 754-9933.
- **Euchre at Ft. Irwin Residents Assoc. Hall** on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Come join the fun. For more info, contact Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- **Every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** learn to line dance at the West Guilford Community Centre. Call Marta at 754-1168 for more details.
- **Anyone interested in or affiliated with mental health services** are invited to join the Advisory Committee to Mental Health in Haliburton County. Send a letter of interest to: HHMHSA, Nominating Committee, Box 539, Minden, Ont. K0M 2K0 or call 286-4575.
- **Highlands Parent Child Mother Goose Program** - For parents and children, (birth to 2-1/2 years) learning rhymes, songs, and stories together. Wednesday Mornings January 7 to March 10, 2004, 10:0 - 11:00 a.m. Cardiff Elementary School. For more info and to register please call: Family Services: 457-5345; Ontario Early Years Centre: 457-2989 (formerly CHACE). Free!! Childcare for older siblings may be available on request.
- **Climax Climbing Club** meets every Tuesday evening at Medeba Adventure Centre in West Guilford, Drop-in, indoor rock climbing from 6:30 - 8 p.m. for children 13 and under to climb with a parent or guardian and from 6:30 - 9:30 for teens and adults (parental permission required for children under 18 years). Beginners welcome - all equipment supplied. For more info. contact Greg and Sue at Family Services of Haliburton County, 457-5345.
- **Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums** meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at J.D. Hodgson E.S. gym. We invite experienced or new pipers and drummers to join us. We offer free lessons. For more info contact Jim Milne at 754-1294.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Celtic Rathskallions make trip to Highlands

It's time for the next Razzamataz Kids' Show: the Celtic Rathskallions are coming to the Northern Lights Theatre at the high school on Sunday January 18 at 2 p.m.

The Rathskallions are a professional music group who present Celtic music, step-dancing, and story-telling. Wendy Moore started the group five years ago, and they have performed hundreds of concerts and school shows. In Haliburton she will be accompanied by one of the other Rathskallions: Doug, Bryan or Arthur. Local elementary students may remember the Rathskallions from performances at Stuart Baker and Wilberforce two years ago.

You can hear samples of their music on their website at www.celticrathskallions.ca

The lively music will have your toes a-tapping, you will be introduced to unusual Celtic instruments, and you will be touched by a story about Maddie, a little girl who likes to play the tin whistle to the moon. You might even learn something about the physics of sound when the Rathskallions put on their lab coats! They will also have CDs and a tin whistle instruction set for sale.

Razzamataz would like to thank Minden Home Hardware and Curry Motors who are sponsoring this show. Please support these local businesses who

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Our new mascot Razzie the Razzamataz Orangutan will be on hand again to welcome you to the show. Thanks to Senitt Puppets for making us an awesome costume!

Tickets are available at the door: \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 2 and up. If you bought a ticket for Morgan's Journey before Christmas and would like to move up to a season pass for all four shows, we will subtract the cost of your previous ticket from the pass price of \$18.

For more information, please call Amy at 457-4266.

Forgotten Memories event rings in New Year

The year 2004 was celebrated by approximately 130 people at the Legion. The group "Forgotten Memories" kept everyone dancing and there were many door prizes and spot dances and lots of good

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Thursday, Jan. 15 is the 50 Plus Club dinner and annual auction sale. Doors open at 4:30 and dinner will be served at 5:30.

Friday January 16th there will be a Roast Beef Dinner for only \$7 Dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. then you can stay for a relaxing evening of dancing and comradeship.

Robbie Burns night is Saturday, Jan. 24. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

A funeral service was held Jan. 6th for Frank Barnum, a 60-year member of Branch 129. We will remember him!

A reminder to members that you should have paid your 2004 membership fees by now.

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Remembered lovingly - **Sister Sheila.**

BRYANT, EDWARD JAMES - In loving memory of Edward James (Roger) Bryant, brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

Dear brother, we never shall forget you, Sweet memories cling round your name, True hearts that in life always loved you Will love you in death just the same. Sadly missed by **Bradley, Ruth Anne and Kevin.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

RHODA MCKELVEY
It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of **Rhoda Agnes Jean McKelvey (nee Duncan)** on **Friday, January 9, 2004.**

Beloved wife of Edward and dearly loved mother of Sharon, Linda (Laveme), Brenda (David), Kathy (David) and Wendy (Bart). She will be forever cherished and loved by her seven grandchildren Tammy (Joe), Shawn (Glenda), John (Stephanie), Darrin, Braydin, Duston and Dakota and her three great-grandchildren Amy, Brendan and Dana. Sadly missed by her sisters Reita, Maisie, Jessie and her brother Bill and predeceased by Ted and Edna. She will also be greatly missed by her special canine companion "Coby" and her many relatives and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the chapel on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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WILKINS, CORA - (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario). At Haliburton Hospital on Monday afternoon, January 5, 2004 in her 99th year. Beloved wife of the late Victor Wilkins. Loving step-mother of late Bertram (June) Wilkins of Brampton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Christine, Craig, Bob, Daniel and her nine great grandchildren. Predeceased by her brothers James, Mossum, Ted, Les and sisters Iva, Jean, Vera, Kathleen and Jessie. Also lovingly remembered by niece Lois and nephew Brian. Dear friend of Betty Hodgson. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, January 8, 2004 from 12 o'clock (noon) until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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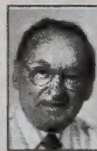


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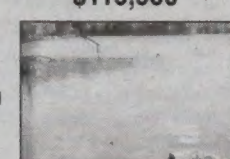
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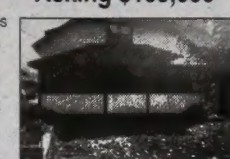
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